

SENATE BILL 2377
By Haynes

AN ACT to amend Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4; and any other acts
amendatory thereto, relative to the disposition of certain
fines and forfeitures.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-420, is amended by deleting
subsection (a)(2) and substituting instead the following:

(2) In counties having a metropolitan form of government and a population in
excess of five hundred thousand (500,000), according to the 1990 federal census or any
subsequent federal census, except as provided in subsection (d), all fines and forfeitures
of appearance bonds received from the violation of the provisions of this part, and which
are specifically set forth in this part shall be paid to the county trustee or city recorder of
the jurisdiction which initiated the arrest and shall be deposited in the "Drug Fines and
Forfeitures Account" (No. 28700200). Funds in such account shall be used exclusively
by the State Trial Courts Drug Court Program for court ordered drug treatment and
educational programs. All requests for disbursement from such account shall be by
written request signed by the appropriate chief law enforcement officer of the county or
municipality and the district attorney general. Such account shall be maintained in
accordance with regulations adopted by the legislative body of any county to which this
subdivision applies. The State Trial Courts Drug Court Program shall be responsible for
the appropriate and lawful use of the "Drug Fines and Forfeitures Account" (No.
28700200) for court ordered drug treatment and educational programs, and for
applicable audit requirements and other mandatory documentation.

(3) In counties having a metropolitan form of government and a population in
excess of five hundred thousand (500,000), according to the 1990 federal census or any
subsequent federal census, all purchases made from proceeds derived from any

forfeiture of any interest in real property or proceeds derived pursuant to this part which are for use in the drug enforcement program or drug education program of either a county or a municipality shall be made in accordance with existing purchasing statutes, including private acts, which establish purchasing provisions or requirements for such county or municipality. All fines and forfeitures resulting from cases and actions of the Tennessee bureau of investigation shall be paid to the state treasurer, to be used only as appropriated by the general assembly. Fines and forfeitures received as a result of the application of other provisions of the law shall be disposed of as otherwise provided.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

it.